



September 25, 2022 – Livestream We Are Called Worship Series

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Fanfare-Trumpet Tune

F. Ashdown

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, and inspire us

People: to show mercy to all creatures.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, and challenge us

People: to do justice for all peoples.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, and lead us

People: to walk humbly with our God.

*OPENING HYMN #2137

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Would I have answered when you called, "Come, follow, follow me!"?

Would I at once have left behind both work and family?

Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim

and kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?

***Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee,
on roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security?***

***Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew,
where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?***

***Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, "Crucify!"
when on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky?***

***Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone,
a dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?***

***O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,
nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.***

***I only pray that when you call, "Come, follow, follow me!"
you'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Shaw

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ "For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search and find my sheep. ¹² I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. ¹³ I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the

peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. ¹⁴Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. ¹⁵I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord. ¹⁶I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes—feed them justice!

²⁰“Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will surely judge between the fat sheep and the scrawny sheep. ²¹For you fat sheep pushed and butted and crowded my sick and hungry flock until you scattered them to distant lands. ²²So I will rescue my flock, and they will no longer be abused. I will judge between one animal of the flock and another. ²³And I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will feed them and be a shepherd to them. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among my people. I, the Lord, have spoken!

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

L’Dor Vador

M. Finkelstein

Sung in Hebrew

Chancel Quartet, Mark Gilgallon, cantor

L’dor vador nagid godlecha, u’l’netsach n’stachim, k’dushatcha nakdish.

We declare Your greatness through all generations, hallow Your holiness for all eternity.

V’shivchacha elohenu mipinu lo yamush l’olam vaed kiel melech gadol v’kadosh atah.

Your praise will never leave our lips, for You are God and Sovereign, great and holy.

Baruch atah, Adonai hael hakadosh.

Blessed are You, Creator holy God.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #795

Psalm 72:1-17

Brandon Wallace

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,

People: and your righteousness to the royal son!

Leader: May he judge your people with righteousness,

People: and your poor with justice!

Leader: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

**People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

Leader: May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**People: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**

Leader: In his days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**People: May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth!**

Leader: May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

**People: May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!**

Leader: For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

People: He has pity on the weak and needy,

Leader: and saves the lives of the needy.

**People: From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Leader: Long may he live, may gold of Sheba be given to him!
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!

**People: May there be abundance of grain in the land;
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;**

Leader: and may they blossom forth in the cities like the grass of the field!

**People: May his name endure for ever, his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people bless themselves by him, all nations call him blessed!**

HYMN OF PRAYER #2153

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

v. 1-3

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

Amy Bonner

Leader: As laborers of God's enduring mercy let us pray
for the promotion of compassion and liberation in our society:

**People: Almighty God, you created us in your own image.
Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil,
and to make no peace with oppression.
And, that we may reverently use our freedom,
help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice
to the glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Silent Devotion and Response

E. Bloch

from *Sacred Service*

Chancel Quartet/Cathedral Singers

Sung in Hebrew

Yih'yu lerazon imrei fi

May the words of my mouth

vehegyon libi l'fanecha

and the meditations of my heart be acceptable before Thee,

Adonai tsuri vegoali. Amen.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-40

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We Are Called to be Laborers of Mercy

Sunil Kotian

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

***The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.***

***We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.***

***We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.***

***Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Recessional

M. Corl

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Rita and Bob Schilling on September 10th.*

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This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Sunil Kotian
Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Brandon Wallace
Minister of Youth & Young Adults
Lydia Shaw
Liturgist
John Hague and Jack Haefling
Audio Visual
Heather Hinton
Organist
Mark Gilgallon
Director of Music

Upcoming Events

Food servers and tutors needed at MLK Center for their after-school program as they support School 43. Contact Robin Reagan for more details.

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Creation Care Conference and Sunday with guest lecturer and preacher Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Oct. 8-9

Jeremiah and Lamentations Bible Study led by Pastor Darren, Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, starting Oct. 26

Sundays at North

Child Care Available in Room 102
from 8:15am to 12:15pm

Alternative Worship (non Communion Sundays)
in Room 104 during 11am service

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes

Pre-K: Room 102

K-2 Grades: Room 104

3-5 Grades: Room 203

6-8 Grades: Room 207

9-12 Grades: Youth Room

Adult Sunday School Classes

Sojourners: Room 005

Power and Light: Room 205

Musical Groups Meeting after 11am Service

Children's Choir: room 004 - Kindergarten (or age 5)
through 6th grade

Cathedral Ringers – Handbell Ensemble: room 007

ELEVATION (grades 3-5), 4-6pm

Sunday Night youth group 4-6pm